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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - EXCHANGE OF TELEX MESSAGES WITH
SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEX JUNE 27 FROM SPECTRAL
DATA CORPORATION, MARKED FOR ATTENTION OF DEA AND NAU.

A. "THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY SPECTRAL
DATA CORPORATION AT A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 24. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:
SEYMORE BOLTON, CHARLES O'KEEFE, MAURY DIVINE, WESLEY
POMEROY, FRANCIS PERRY, DIOGENES GALANOS, BRUCE VAN METRE,
DONALD SHELDON, STANLEY GREEN, JOHN GLOVER.

B. "INTRODUCTION: SDC GAVE A BRIEFING TO ODEPS SIX
WEEKS PRIOR REGARDING MOPS AND VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE.
SDC HAS SINCE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE MEXICAN ZONE
COORDINATOR AS WELL AS U.S. PERSONNEL IN MEXICO AND HAS
LEARNED OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE
1977/78 SEASON. AT THE MEETING DESCRIBED HEREIN, SDC
GAVE SLIDE COMPARISON OF VISUAL OP FIELDS AS SEEN FROM
A SPOTTER AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS OF OP FIELDS AS SEEN ON
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THE MOPS VIEWER SCREEN. WE ALSO PRESENTED A COMPILA-
TION OF THE 1976/77 MOPS DATA PRODUCT.

C. "OBJECTIVES: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE
MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD IN MEXICO THAT THE U.S. OBJEC-
TIVES FOR THE 1977/78 CAMPAIGN INCLUDE:

1. CREATE A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL INFORMA-

TION CURRENTLY GATHERED FROM MOPSS - OP FIELD LOCATION, AREA, DENSITY, ALTITUDE OF FIELD ABOVE SEA LEVEL, OP FIELD GROWING TRENDS, PROLIFERATION. ALSO NEEDED IS SPRAY INFORMATION SUCH AS CONCENTRATION, TIME OF SPRAYING. CLIMATIC DATA AND AIR STRIP LOCATION ARE ALSO DESIRED.

2. VERIFICATION OF SPRAY EFFECTIVENESS.

3. PRIME AREA TO BE COVERED IS 40,000 SQUARE KM SURVEYED SIX TIMES.

4. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FOR GOM AND GAO ON EFFECTIVENESS OF ERADICATION CAMPAIGN.

D. "IT IS ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING, THROUGH OTHER MEETINGS IN MEXICO, THAT THE MEXICAN OBJECTIVES FOR THE 1977/78 CAMPAIGN AS THEY RELATE TO MOPS ARE:

1. MOPS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY USED IN THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE MEXICANS FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH MOPS AND BELIEVE THAT THEIR PERSONNEL ARE TECHNICALLY TRAINED TO OPERATE MOPS AND MAINTAIN IT.

2. THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM IS DESIRABLE.

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3. THEY DESIRE THE TACTICAL OPERATIONS USE OF MOPS AS IN THE PAST YEAR PROVIDED THAT THERE IS A U.S.-MEXICAN INTEGRATED TEAM AND THE TURN-AROUND TIME IS REDUCED TO 48 HOURS.

4. MOPS HAS VALUE AS MONITOR AGAINST COMPROMISES BY THE ERADICATION TEAM IN THE COURSE OF DUTY.

E. "SPECIFIC PERSONS AND USES CITED FOR MOPS: DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR JACQUES KIERE HAS REQUIREMENT FOR VERIFICATION. MOPS CAN READILY PROVIDE HIGH ALTITUDE, WIDE AREA COVERAGE FOR VERIFICATION OF SPRAYING SUCCESS. JACQUES KIERE IS ALSO COORDINATING THE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AG. KIERE AGREED THAT PRECISION FIELD LOCATION AND SIZE DATA ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF ERADICATION ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM. ONLY MOPS IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THAT DATA TODAY. DEA TRIZO COORDINATOR, DAVE WOOD, HAS TWO APPLICATIONS FOR MOPS: VERIFICATION AND TACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY OF MEXICO IN PLANNING RAIDS OF GUM COLLECTING POINTS. DEA INTEL, BRYAN STICKNEY, STATED THAT MOPS AIDS IMMEASURABLY IN MEETING HIS INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS REQUIRE-

MENTS. U.S. ARMY ATTACHE, LT. COLONEL STEWART, SEES
POTENTIAL USE OF MOPS TO DISTINGUISH ILLICIT FROM LEGAL
AIR STRIPS. HIS ACTIVITY RELATES TO THE LOCATION OF
GUM COLLECTION POINTS WITH THE MEXICAN ARMY. THE GOM
ZONE COORDINATOR, AGUILAR, DESIRES MOPS FOR TACTICAL
OPERATIONS SUPPORT THIS YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTIONS
NOTED ABOVE. SERGIO ZAPATA, MOPS AG LIAISON OFFICE,
REQUESTED MOPS OPERATIONS THIS YEAR IN A TELEPHONE CON-
VERSATION WITH C. BERNAL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22. NOTE:

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THE MEXICAN AG PLAN DID NOT INCLUDE MOPS THIS YEAR.
THIS MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE MOPS PRODUCTION RATES WERE
NOT UP TO THAT REQUIRED AT THE TIME THE PLAN WAS WRITTEN.
AGUILAR'S DESIRE FOR MOPS OPERATION, HOWEVER, WAS EX-
PRESSED TO DICK MARTINEZ, AID, IN A RECENT MEETING.
AGUILAR BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT SUPPORT MOPS.

F. "IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
MADE IT CLEAR TO AGUILAR THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE MOPS
PROGRAM.

G. "I REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS MEETING.

H. SINCERELY, DAVID PEEK, REPRESENTATIVE, SPECTRAL
DATA CORPORATION."

2. EMBASSY HAS SENT FOLLOWING REPLY:

A. "EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED YOUR UNDATED TELEX CONCERNING
YOUR JUNE 24 MEETING WITH MESSRS. BOLTON, O'KEEFE, ET
AL.

B. "IN VIEW OF SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION STATUS AS A CONTRACTOR OF AID, WE BELIEVE IT IMPROPER TO COMMENT AS YOU REQUESTED. WE WILL, HOWEVER, TRANSMIT OUR COM-
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MENTS TO AID, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

C. "REGARDS, JOSEPH D. MCLAUGHLIN, AMERICAN EMBASSY MEXICO CITY." THOMPSON.

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